

Department of Development Services

Commercial Development Committee

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MINUTES 2:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 20, 2022

- 1. Introductions
- 2. <u>Review of CDC Bylaws</u>
 - a. Wade Hugh recommended a change to the rules of procedure that reads: "CDC Meetings are open to the public. Any member of the public wishing to be recognized at a CDC Meeting will be asked to sign up at the beginning of the meeting. The public will be provided five minutes of total time to speak at a CDC Meeting. The CDC members may vote to allocate additional time for the public. This would require a 2/3 vote for approval by the members in attendance."
 - i. Mike Garcia motioned to have a sub-committee created to review this. Gary Gardner seconded the motion.
 - ii. Jonelle Cameron noted that the "public" needs to be defined.
 - iii. Wade Hugh will email the committee members
- 3. <u>Goals</u>
 - a. Design Construction Standards Manual Section 600 Improvements Update
 - i. This has been tabled until the Comprehensive Plan has been updated.
 - ii. Gary Gardner noted that the CDC may receive draft updates in the Summer/Fall of 2022.
 - b. Updated Zoning Ordinance Text for Commercial Real Estate Signs
 - i. Board of County Supervisors' directive with a targeted date of May 24, 2022.
 - ii. Interim solution is to issue extensions for Temporary Commercial signs.
 - c. Bond Reduction/Release Process Improvements
 - i. Bond Reduction Release Team met on March 25, 2022. Staff recommended the following process improvement steps:
 - 1. Bond extension notifications currently sent to Developers will also be sent to Engineers and other contacts as designated.
 - 2. Site Inspectors will complete inspections within two weeks of receiving a reduction review.

- 3. Overall processing times for all Departments involved in the reduction process will be 30 days.
- 4. The preconstruction manual is provided to Developers and includes all guidelines and information necessary.
- d. Virginia Stormwater Management Program
 - i. Permit Review Timeframes Process Improvements meeting scheduled Friday, April 22, 2022 with Mike Rolband, DEQ Director.
- 4. E-Review for Land Development Projects Joyce Fadeley
 - a. Assessments Studies targeted for Spring 2022
 - b. DCSM Waivers, Plats (standalone), Lot Grading and Site Plans are on schedule upcoming
 - c. Subdivision Plans targeted for Summer 2023
- 5. Quality Control Process for Site Plan Submissions Joyce Fadeley
 - a. Land Development implemented a study conducted by Brian Otis (Senior Planner). Over a 13-day period, the following was found:
 - i. 14 plans received per day, on average
 - ii. 75 minutes to complete Document QC at the Land Counter, on average
 - iii. 37% of plan submissions are incomplete and/or missing information. Staff spends quite a bit of time trying to find missing information.
 - b. To optimize performance, the following is recommended:
 - i. Reduce number of incomplete plans and time spent on review
 - ii. Address staff shortages (5 FTE Land Counter staff needed)
 - iii. Staff training on all processes
 - c. Additional recommendation that forms be tailored to the type of plan being submitted. This could help the customer focus on the items needed for submission.
 - d. Goal for QC Review 3-day document QC at Land Counter; 2-day review with a Project Manager. Currently this process is averaging seven days.
 - e. Mike Garcia asked a question regarding time frames for non-conforming use submissions. This is handled by Zoning Administration in the Planning Office.
 - f. Gary Gardner asked to review some of the areas recommended and provide additional feedback (fees/checks/payments) to speed up other processing times. Wade Hugh recommended a potential flat fee to submit with the first submission and then the LD Project Manager would price the complete plan review fee, which would be paid at the second submission.
 - g. Mike Kitchen asked if DPE Plans take precedence. Wade Hugh answered yes.
- 6. Building Development Managing Abandoned Permits
 - a. See attached presentation
 - b. ePortal link \rightarrow <u>PWC ePortal</u>
- 7. Inspection Order Process Action Team (Commercial Inspections)

- a. Chad Roop and Ricky O'Connor met with Industry. They are taking feedback to add to proposed process changes.
- b. Next steps are to finalize the process, educate/advertise to industry, internal staff training on the new process and then implementation. There is no set implementation date at this time.
- 8. Electronic Inspection Certification Submissions
 - a. New Policy will be published in the beginning of May 2022. This will affect residential industry more than commercial and should save a great deal of time.
 - b. Soft launch will be announced via Constant Contact Customer Bulletins.
- 9. Update on additional Targeted Industry FTE Positions
 - a. January 18, 2022 Board approved eight FTE
 - b. February 15, 202 Acting CXO Budget Proposal to add eight additional FTE to be added through vacancy transfers
 - c. Funding for the 16 FTEs
 - i. \$1,200,000 General Fund
 - ii. \$7,801 Economic Development Opportunity Fund
 - iii. \$217,174 Building Development/Fire Marshal's Office Fee Revenue

10. Development Services Performance Measures Update

- a. See attached presentation
- 11. Any Other Business
 - a. Mike Kitchen requested to have the As-Built process added to the next agenda
 - b. Barry Braden Site Plan Review Process
 - i. Request to form a sub-committee. Wade Hugh will reach out to Tom Smith regarding this item, as it relates to site plan review and Watershed.
- 12. Next Meeting 2:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 20, 2022
- 13. Meeting Adjourned